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Significant numbers of breast cancer patients will experience a recurrence of their disease. Breast cancer recurrence is a time of enormous crisis, with significant distress, depression, and symptomatology, and few effective coping strategies. Targeted support services are currently unavailable.

This study tests the hypothesis that patients experience greater well-being by participating in an intervention designed for breast cancer patients experiencing a first Following pilot study phase, 300 breast cancer patients will be enrolled recurrence. within 6 weeks post-recurrence. All participants are Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG) institutions. The women will be randomly assigned to a control group or an intervention to be carried out by Y-Me, a national breast cancer support and advocacy organization. The intervention consists of 4 to 8 structures sessions providing information and peer support delivered by breast cancer survivors via telephone over a 4 week period. Endpoints are assessed at baseline and 3 and 6 months later through validated quality of life and depression questionnaires.

This study provides information about improving well-being during a little studied portion of the breast cancer trajectory. The intervention is delivered by individuals who are well-qualified to provide support: women who themselves have experienced breast cancer recurrence. The project utilizes a cost-effective approach with the potential for widescale dissemination.

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## **Enhancing Well-Being During Breast Cancer Recurrence**

#### INTRODUCTION

#### A. Subject and Purpose of the Research

This project used a two-phase implementation process to determine whether patients will experience greater levels of well-being as a function of participating in an intervention designed for breast cancer patients experiencing a first recurrence.

A Pilot Study was conducted in selected Southwest Oncology Group institutions to accomplish the following: refine intervention protocol materials; develop operating procedures to ensure coordination and communication between the Principal Investigator, the Southwest Oncology Group Operations Office, the Study Coordinator, the Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center, Y-ME, and the institutions accruing patients; develop a training program for the breast cancer survivors who provide the intervention; finalize assessment questionnaires and examine length and ease of administration by telephone, especially with respect to burden for institution staff; and examine participation and attrition.

The Main Study was open to all Southwest Oncology Group institutions. A randomized, two group design was used to evaluate the impact of a telephone intervention delivered by breast cancer survivors on well-being in patients experiencing a first recurrence of breast cancer versus written information. The primary objective of the main study was: to assess the effectiveness of a telephone intervention delivered by breast cancer survivors on well-being in patients experiencing a first recurrence of breast cancer versus written information delivered by mail.

The secondary research objectives of the full trial were: to examine the impact of sociodemographic, clinical, and psychosocial predictors of well-being in patients experiencing a first recurrence of breast cancer; and to examine changes in well-being over time since recurrence.

#### B. Background of Previous Work

## The Psychosocial Impact of Breast Cancer Recurrence

Despite significant increases in five-year breast cancer survival rates, mortality curves for these patients have remained largely unchanged for many years. While many breast cancer patients, especially women diagnosed with Stage I disease, can realistically expect to be cured of their disease, significant numbers of patients will experience a recurrence of their breast cancer at some point following diagnosis, treatment, or a disease-free period. Although this statistic is not generally emphasized, when all stages of breast cancer are considered, as many as 50% of patients will experience recurrence.

Recurrence marks a significant change in the breast cancer care continuum, as it brings home the limits of current knowledge in oncology. The cancer care team must acknowledge that the treatment did not work - that all of the optimism, faith in medicine, and careful compliance with treatment were not enough to forestall disease progression. The patient and family may question whether all of the suffering that they have gone through was really worth it, and they may have a sense of failure: not only about treatment, but about themselves. They must deal with a new reality: that the patient is experiencing pain and other symptoms of her recurrence, that chances for cure have been reduced, and that once again, treatment decisions need to be made.

What is a woman's experience when the worst happens -- that is, when breast cancer returns? Surprisingly, very little attention has been given to this issue in the literature: only nine studies have been reported about recurrence of any cancer during the past 15 years (1). We do know that the patients

identify the threat of recurrence as one of the most feared possible outcomes of cancer. The fear of recurrence repeatedly emerges as an important psychosocial theme in breast cancer patients who are newly-diagnosed (2, 3), attending follow-up visits (4), and among long-term survivors (5).

The largest study based on data from patients actually experiencing a recurrence is Worden's cross-sectional study of 102 individuals with recurrences of various cancers (6, 7). Worden found that distress levels of the patients with recurrence were high and equivalent to levels in newly-diagnosed patients. Compared to newly-diagnosed patients, the individuals in this study were less willing to participate in interventions focused solely on psychosocial counseling and more concerned about their medical problems and existential concerns. Among the factors that predicted higher distress were more symptoms, lack of social support, less hope, and being younger. Cella, Mahon, and colleagues (8, 9) also assessed adjustment in 40 patients within one month of recurrence; the patients represented a variety of cancer sites, and 27 were experiencing a first recurrence. Patients in this study experienced high levels of distress: they "almost universally agree that recurrence is more upsetting than initial diagnosis" (8, p. 20). There was a suggestion that having anticipated the possibility of recurrence aided adjustment: patients who reported that they were "completely surprised" by the recurrence fared the worst.

Several studies have focused on breast cancer recurrence. Silberfarb et al. (10) compared psychosocial status in groups of breast cancer patients during initial diagnosis (N=50), first recurrence (N=52), and metastatic disease (N=44). The findings indicated that the stage of first recurrence clearly was the most emotionally stressful time in their samples (10, p. 454). Significantly, only one woman out of the 52 could identify a single coping strategy she had found helpful, in marked contrast to the other two groups. In addition, the findings of this study illustrate how recurrence is often marked by physical impairment as well: 81% of the women in the recurrence group reported pain, the highest percentage of any group. Jenkins et al. (11) evaluated 22 women with newly-diagnosed breast cancer recurrence, and found that 45% experienced depression and anxiety at the level of psychiatric diagnosis; previous psychiatric illness was a significant predictor of recurrence distress. A recent study by Lewis and Deal (1) further described problems in 15 married couples in which the wife was diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer. A number of problems in marital adjustment were reported, as well as depression experienced by 40% of the women; the recurrence had been diagnosed a median of 10 months previously, indicating the long-lasting psychosocial impact of breast cancer recurrence and the potential that intervention could provide a real benefit for these patients.

#### Interventions to Reduce Psychosocial Distress

No intervention directed at the needs of patients experiencing a recurrence of breast cancer (or any other cancer) has been reported. However, several reviews (12-14), including a recent meta-analysis (15), have concluded that psychosocial interventions have a positive impact on the well-being of patients across the spectrum of disease stages and sites. To date, research has not established whether one kind of intervention is more effective than another, or more appropriate for certain patients. A variety of intervention types (e.g., informational, psychological, behavioral, social support) and formats (e.g., group, individual, telephone) have demonstrated beneficial effects. Effects have been demonstrated for quality of life, symptom management, and psychological functioning. The optimal point to evaluate the impact of psychosocial interventions has not been firmly established; most studies assess outcomes at one or more intervals during the first year post-intervention (12-14), although impacts may be long-lasting, even extending to ultimate survival (e.g., 16).

This study draws on an approach that has been found to be effective by a number of investigators: a brief, time-limited intervention combining information and support delivered by telephone. The telephone is frequently used in providing information regarding cancer treatment and counseling (17-22). In particular, the telephone may make services available to individuals for whom traveling would pose difficulties because of geography, health, or access to transportation. The telephone-directed intervention approach is especially well-suited to the Southwest Oncology Group setting, given the potential of providing standardized assessment across participating institutions at a relatively low cost. Other cooperative groups, including the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group and the Cancer and Leukemia

Group B, are currently conducting research protocols utilizing telephone-delivered interventions, although no other group has focused on patients with recurrence. In fact, patients with recurrence appear to have recourse to few specialized resources; although resource and support programs frequently offer assistance to newly diagnosed patients, hospice patients, and (increasingly) to survivors, patients going through a recurrence seem to "fall between the cracks."

#### The Use of Lay Organizations to Provide Support to Breast Cancer Patients

The intervention was provided by women who are particularly well-qualified to provide support and information: breast cancer survivors who have themselves experienced recurrence. A distinctive feature of this study is its delivery of the intervention through an established national breast cancer advocacy and support organization, Y-ME. Although Y-ME has provided telephone hotline services (using a toll-free 800 number) since 1987, the impact of the service has not been systematically assessed. This is also true for other lay programs for breast cancer patients, such as the American Cancer Society's Reach-to-Recovery program (23). This study utilized breast cancer survivors within the context of a structured protocol, as well as standardized and validated outcome measures. If the program proves effective, it can become part of Y-ME's program and be delivered on a standard basis. The use of a voluntary organization staffed with non-health professionals represents a cost-effective approach to providing support. Y-ME participated in a Southwest Oncology Group Lay Advisors/Advocates Steering Committee for a number of years. The lay advisors (who include representatives of national organizations and volunteers selected through a nationwide search) are special members of the Group, serve as members of Disease and other Committees (including the Committee on Women and Special Populations and the Breast Cancer Committee), and attend semi-annual Group meetings. The lay advisors contributed to the development and design of this protocol.

This study provided information about how to improve well-being during a portion of the breast cancer trajectory where little attention has been focused. The project utilized a cost-effective approach to intervention with demonstrated usefulness in cancer patients. The intervention was delivered by individuals who are especially well-qualified to provide support: women who themselves have experienced breast cancer recurrence. This project represents one of the first formal research collaborations between a clinical cooperative research group and a lay breast cancer organization. The project reflects the overriding motivation of both groups: to provide the best possible care and support to cancer patients.

#### **BODY**

#### A. Experimental Methods

#### Overview

The Pilot Study involved 30 women meeting the eligibility criteria who all participated in the intervention and completed the outcome assessment questionnaires. The Main Study utilizes a two arm randomized design with repeated measures at three time points. Three hundred breast cancer patients commence participation following a first recurrence of breast cancer. At that time, the participants complete a battery of instruments, including baseline measures of well-being. Participants are stratified by age (< 50 years vs. > 50 years), time since diagnosis (< 2 years vs. > 2 years), and recurrence site (soft tissue/bone vs. visceral) and randomly assigned to intervention group (intervention vs. control). Participants in the intervention group completed an intervention completed within a four-week period; the intervention covered four discrete content areas and are carried out in four to eight telephone calls. Assessments of well-being were collected at approximately three months post-baseline, and again 6 months post-baseline. The primary outcome is well-being, including quality of life (as measured by the Cancer Rehabilitation Evaluation System-Short Form (CARES-SF) [24-30]) and depression (as measured by the Center for Epidemiologic Studies-Depression scale (CES-D) [31-32]).

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

Eligibility criteria included: having received definitive surgical treatment for Stage I, II, or Illa breast cancer and being diagnosed with a first recurrence of breast cancer in the past 42 days (pilot study) or 56 days (main study); being female; no current psychiatric diagnosis affecting ability to participate in the intervention; ability to read and understand English. In the first eight months the pilot study was open, patients must have had no previous enrollment or plans to enroll on a Southwest Oncology Group treatment protocol; this restriction was eliminated for the last portion of the pilot study and for the main study. All patients must complete baseline questionnaires to participate. Institutional Review Board approval must have been received prior to patient registration.

#### Procedures

Pilot Study: All women completed baseline questionnaires and received a questionnaire packet to complete and return by mail in six weeks. All women were provided with a basic information packet including a copy of the Y-ME booklet "I Still Buy Green Bananas" and a list of agencies which provide cancer-related information. All participating institutions compiled materials about resources available in their catchment area. Project staff compiled information on national organizations such as Y-ME, the Cancer Information Service (1-800-4-CANCER), and the American Cancer Society as part of the information packet. All women in the pilot study received the four session telephone intervention from Y-ME peer counselors.

Main Study: All women completed the baseline questionnaires and were provided with basic information (as above). Women in the control group received no additional intervention. They were mailed self-administered assessment questionnaires to complete 3 months and 6 months later. After completing the final assessment, they were given the same packet of materials provided earlier to the women in the intervention group. Patients in the intervention group were provided with an intervention consisting of four to eight counseling/information sessions delivered by Y-ME counselors by telephone over a one-month period.

A standardized intervention protocol was used, and calls generally required no longer than 45 minutes to complete. Each call focused on different problem areas from the group below. The modules reflect psychosocial, physical, and existential concerns. Each woman was given a choice about the order in which the sessions are presented. Each call provided basic information and the opportunity for the patients to discuss individual concerns. The general format was to provide information in specified areas, active listening when the women discussed their concerns, assistance in problem-solving, and information about resources that may be helpful.

The intervention was not designed to provide psychotherapy. Instead, the Y-ME peer counselors provided information, peer support, and referrals to community organizations. Procedures currently in place at Y-ME were used if serious psychological disturbance is detected during a telephone session. In such cases, patients were asked if the Y-ME peer counselor can contact the Southwest Oncology Group physician who enrolled her on the study. Following the first session, the patients were sent a packet of written materials.

#### Study Endpoints

The primary endpoint in this study is well-being (CARES-SF psychosocial functioning and depression) three months post-enrollment in the study. A CARES-SF Psychosocial score of .615 or greater designates impaired psychosocial functioning. This cut-off has been found to correctly classify breast cancer patients "at risk" for psychosocial distress, as identified in a comprehensive clinical interview by a social worker; the estimated probability of classifying women in the high risk group was .81 in a recursive partitioning model (30). Depression is indicated by a score of 16 or above on the Center for Epidemiological Studies - Depression (CES-D) scale (31-32).

Longer-term well-being was also examined at 6 months post-study entry. The intervention was also

evaluated through a standardized "Telephone Counseling Evaluation Form." A "Psychosocial Predictors Form" was used to examine possible predictors of well-being. These included: social support (measured by Reynolds et al.'s four-item scale [33]); optimism-pessimism (measured using the total score on the Life Orientation Test (LOT) [34-35]); surprisingness of the recurrence (8); and, Sense of Coherence Scale (SOC) (36-38). A "Current Cancer Treatment" form ascertained treatments being received at baseline, 3 and 6 months.

#### Analysis

Anticipated total accrual for the Pilot Study was 30 patients. Sample size for the Main Study was 300 patients, with 255 patients expected to be available at the three-month assessment point. Power calculations indicated that a sample size of 255 is sufficient to test intervention vs. control group differences for the two primary endpoints (CARES-SF Psychosocial cutoff score and CES-D cut-off score); with a power of .90 and a one-tailed alpha-level of .025, the study can detect differences in proportions of women who score "at risk" of 20% between the intervention and control groups. Secondary analyses will utilize logistic and least squares regression analyses.

#### B. Results/Progress to Date

#### **Current Status**

The protocol for the pilot study was activated by the Southwest Oncology Group on June 1, 1997. The target sample size of 30 patients was reached in July 1998. The Main Study opened Group-wide on July 15, 1998 for activation by all Southwest Oncology Group institutions. The first patient was accrued to the protocol in September 1998. As of November 15, 2002, the study met its accrual goal of 328 patients and the study was closed. The last 6-month follow up data were due to be collected no later than May 15, 2003. The 328 patients came from a total of 55 institutions across the US. The largest accruers included: Upstate Carolina Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP) (25 patients), Wichita CCOP (22), Dayton CCOP (21), Northwest CCOP (17), William Beaumont Hospital/University of Michigan (15), St. Francis/Stormant/University of Kansas (14), Duluth CCOP (13), Grand Rapids CCOP (12), Columbia River CCOP (12), Hawaii CCOP (11), and Central Illinois CCOP (10). The final quality of life forms submission rates were very good, with 100% at the baseline assessments, 89% at the 3-month assessments, and 84% at the 6-month assessments.

During the past year, primary activities were ensuring completeness and correctness of the data and conducting initial data analysis. Specific activities included:

- 1. We presented our first abstract from this project as a poster at the San Antonio 2004 Breast Cancer Symposium. This paper was one of the few at this meeting that reported on psychological interventions for breast cancer patients.
- 2. The Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center completed all queries to institutions regarding missing data or forms, out of range responses, unclarities, and so on. At this point, all data have been entered and cleaned.
- 3. Regular communications were maintained between Dr. Gotay and the Project Team (including the Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center, Southwest Oncology Group Operations Office, and Y-ME).
- 4. Updates about the study were made at the October 2004 and April 2005 Southwest Oncology Group meetings during the Special Populations Committee and Cancer Control Research Committee Meetings (C. Gotay).
- 5. Dr. Gotay and her staff have completed an update of literature of breast cancer recurrence and associated interventions. This forms the background section for a manuscript on the primary study outcomes.

- 6. Dr. Gotay and her staff have completed an update of the literature on cancer patient interventions using peer counselors reported in the literature. This provides a foundation for a manuscript in progress based on the counselor interviews.
- 7. Dr. Gotay traveled to Seattle on May 18 and 19, 2005 for two all-day meetings with personnel at the SWOG Statistical Center (Dr. Carol Moinpour and Mr. Joseph Unger). We reviewed data, developed a list of priority analyses still to be conducted, assigned writing tasks, and developed a timeline for manuscript completion.
- 8. The schedule is for the first manuscript, on the primary outcomes of the study, to be completed and ready for submission to the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* by August 31, 2005.
- 9. The second manuscript, on the impact of the intervention on the counselors, to be completed and ready for submission to the *Cancer* or *Patient Education and Counseling* by September 30, 2005.

#### **KEY RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- 1. Completing the first psychosocial intervention in the Southwest Oncology Group and one of the few such interventions conducted by any cooperative group.
- 2. Contributing to understanding the impact of being diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer, an area where few studies have been reported.
- 3. Conducting one of the first research collaborations between a cancer cooperative group and a lay organization.
- 4. Developing an intervention that was viewed as helpful by the recipients.
- 5. Helping to understand more about breast cancer recurrence and interventions to assist patients. While initial results did not indicate an overall benefit for the intervention arm (based on an intent to treat analysis), some women benefited and some did not, even though almost everyone thought the intervention was helpful. We have conducted further analyses to understand which women are likely to experience positive effects of this kind of intervention. Because we collected information about psychosocial predictors, clinical factors, and also other resources (e.g., support groups) used after the recurrence diagnosis, we have examined a variety of factors in terms of their association with intervention outcomes. Thus far, despite considerable analytic effort, we have not been successful in identifying predictors of intervention efficacy. Surprisingly, many of the predictors that we thought would be important, such as site of recurrence, time since diagnosis, age, and social support do not appear to make a difference, based on our analyses so far. However, we did find that women in the intervention arm were more likely to report using other resources in their community; i.e., the intervention appeared to give them skills in making use of other services and programs. This was one of the goals of the intervention: to increase the use of community resources. We have also examined predictors of psychological well-being in women who experience breast cancer recurrence regardless of intervention arm. We have found that baseline psychological characteristics, such as optimism and sense of coherence, are significant predictors of well-being at three months. This information is useful in developing recommendations about whom to refer to supportive care - e.g., women who are pessimistic and have not been able to develop a philosophy of life.

#### REPORTABLE OUTCOMES

The following abstract was presented at the 2004 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium and represents the first results of this study:

Enhancing Well-being During Breast Cancer Recurrence: Preliminary Findings From A Phase III Study C. C. Gotay, C. M. Moinpour, C. S. Jiang, D. P. Ankerst, D. Coleman, S. Martino, B. Taylor, J. Bearden, S. Dakhil, H. Gross, K. S. Albain, Southwest Oncology Group, San Antonio, Texas, United States 78245 In *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment*, Vol 88, Supplement 1, 2004, #3080, p. S140

#### CONCLUSIONS

After a slower-than-expected start, the protocol continued to accrue at a steady rate. We were very pleased that it met its accrual goal. There was and continues to be considerable enthusiasm for the research in the Group among behavioral scientists and clinicians alike, and women participating in the protocol were highly supportive. Since there are still no studies elsewhere in the country that we are aware of addressing the needs of this population of breast cancer patients, the findings of this project, when they are fully analyzed, will make a significant contribution to future breast cancer survivors.

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# **APPENDIX**

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( ) Complete study redesign

( ) Addition of tissue banking requirements

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Expedited review allowed

No review required

#### PERMANENT CLOSURE

The above referenced study has reached its accrual goal and will be permanently closed, effective November 15, 2002.

This memorandum serves to notify the NCI and Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center.

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**REVISION #6** 

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**IRB** Review Requirements

) Full board review required

( √) Expedited review allowed

( ) No review required

# REVISION #6

The above noted protocol has been revised as follows:

- The face page has been revised to indicate that Donna K. Pauler, Ph.D. and Sheryl Giarritta M.S. are the Biostatisticians for this study and their e-mail addresses added. The Table of Contents now includes a reference to the new Appendix that can be found on page 43.
- Section 50 has been revised to include space for patient's initials rather than patient's
- Section 5.3 has been deleted since the Study Coordinators believe that the issue of treatment is not a major factor in determining psychosocial outcomes for the telephone counseling intervention. The remainder of the section has been renumbered accordingly.
- The revised Section 5.9 has been updated to reflect current Southwest Oncology Group standards.
- Section 6.0c has been revised to be consistent with the Registration Form (Form #32379).
- Section 7.2c has been revised to include a toll free number to order the Y-ME booklet,
   "I Still Buy Green Bananas." Please note that the caller must identify themselves as a Southwest Oncology Group participant when requesting booklets for this study.
- A Fax Worksheet has been added as appendix item 19.1. This form should not be submitted to the Statistical Center, but as Section 7.2d now indicates, it should be faxed to Y-ME to provide the Y-ME counselors the information needed to reach the patient in an efficient manner.

- Section 13.0 has been revised to reflect current Southwest Oncology Group registration guidelines.
- Section 14.4 has been revised to delete the previously required submission of the Registration Form (Form #32379).
- An Off Treatment Notice (Form #25524) is no longer required and has been deleted from Section 18.0. Section 14.7 has been revised to indicate that the Quality of Life cover Sheet (Form #40404) must be submitted for each missed assessment, providing the reason for the missing assessment.

Please append this notice to your copy of the protocol and replace the face page, pages 6-8, 15, 16 and 23. Please add pages 15 3 and the Fax Worksheet for <u>\$9832</u> to your copy of the protocol. Please remove the Off Treatment Notice Form (Form #25524) from your copy of the protocol.

This memorandum serves to notify the NCI and Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center.

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#### **REVISION #5**

The Clinical Update Form has been revised to include space of indicate whether the assessment is obtained at Month 3 or Month 6 and the date of the assessment. The revised Clinical Update Form is now numbered as Form #49100 and replaces the 7/15/98 version (Form #4338). The form number change is reflected in Sections 14.5, 14.6 and 18.9.

Please append this notice to your copy of the protocol and replace pages 16, 23 and the Clinical Update Form.

This memorandum serves to notify the NCI and Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center.

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## **REVISION #4**

Section 5.0 of the above-noted study has been revised to include space to indicate (1) the date the patient was informed of her first recurrence and (2) the date the patient is planning to begin her FIRST treatment for this recurrence. As a reminder, Section 5.0 must be completed and submitted to the Statistical Center within 14 days of registration. Sections 14 and 18 have been revised to include form numbers.

Please append this notice to your copy of the protocol and replace pages 6, 15, 16 and 23.

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#### **REVISION #3**

The above-noted protocol has been revised to distinguish between the two packets of information that patients receive. The first is a packet compiled <u>locally</u> at the institution and includes: a copy of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) booklet, "When Cancer Receives Meeting the Challenge Again" and/or the Y-ME booklet, "I Still Buy Green Banarias" and a <u>list</u> of local and national agencies that provide cancer-related information and support. This basic information packet is given to all patients at baseline. The second packet is compiled by the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization and is distributed by Y-ME to patients on the intervention arm after the first telephone session rattles than following each session. This standardized Y-ME packet is distributed by the Sucy coordinator to patients on the control arm after the six month assessment has been received. The above-noted protocol has also been corrected to indicate that the Additional Concerns Form is completed by the patient rather than the nurse/CRA. These revisions are reflected in the Schema, Sections 7.2, 7.3, 9.0 and the Model Informed Consent form.

Section 7.1d has been revised to reflect that "the counselor will discuss a list of issues....where the patient has porcers." The last sentence of Section 10.3 has been deleted since it was redundant.

The CARES-SE form was revised to indicate the Southwest Oncology Group Patient Number rather than the Southwest Oncology Group Study Number. The Quality of Life Cover Sheet was revised to specify that the Telephone Counseling Evaluation Form is to be completed at months three and six only. The section capturing reasons why the attentionallies may not have been completed has been revised.

Stephanie Green, Ph.D. has replaced Polly Feigl, Ph.D. as Secondary Statistician for this study. This change is reflected on the face page of the protocol.

Please append this notice to your copy of the protocol and replace pages 2, 7 - 9, 11, 13, 24, the face page, the CARES-SF Form and the Quality of Life Cover Sheet.

This memorandum serves to notify the NCI and Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center.

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#### **REVISION #2**

The following revisions have been made to the above noted protocol:

Sections 5.3 and 5.5 have been combined into Section 5.3 to charify eligibility with regard to prior treatment.

The NCI Cancer Information Service (CIS) phone number has been corrected in Section 7.2c and on the Support Services Form.

A statement has been added to Section floof the Model Informed Consent to indicate that the Study Coordinators and supervisors at YME are the only people who will listen to the tapes and all tapes will be destroyed after they have been reviewed.

Question #32 on the CARES-SE Form has been corrected to read, "I have insurance problems" rather than "I have financial problems".

Please append this notice to your copy of the protocol and replace pages 6, 8, 24, the CARES-SF Form and the Support Services Form.

This memorandum serves to notify the NCI and Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center.

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## **REVISION #1**

The Study Calendar for the above-noted protocol has been revised to correctly reference Section 7.2c (rather than Section 7.1c) in the ration. The CARES-SF Form has been revised to correct typographical errors in questions #45 and 46.

Please append this notice to your copy of the protocol and replace page 11 and the CARES-SF Form.

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## **ACTIVATION**

<u>S9632</u>, the Pilot Study, is anticipated to reach is accrual goal and will be permanently closed effective 8/1/98. <u>S9832</u>, the Main Study referenced above, is now **open for registration**. Entire copies of the protocol are exclused for your use.

This memorandum serves to notify the NC and Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center.

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#### ENHANCING WELL-BEING DURING BREAST CANCER RECURRENCE

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#### SCHEMA

### Study Entry

Patient signs informed consent and completes baseline questionnaires (CARES-SF, CES-D, Psychosocial Questionnaire, Support Services Form and the Additional Concerns Form)

Nurse/CRA completes baseline

- a. S9832 Prestudy Form
- b. Quality of Life Cover Sheet

Nurse/CRA gives all patients basic information packet to include booklets and a list of support services

#### Randomization

## Control

Standard level of support

Nurse/CRA mails questionnaires 2 weeks prior to the 3 & 6 month assessments

Upon return of 3 & 6 month questionnaires, Nurse/CRA completes:

- a. S9832 Clinical Update Form
- b. Quality of Life Cover Sheet

Study Coordinator distributes standardized Y-ME packet of information to patient:

#### Intervention

Nurse/CRA faxes patient information to Y-ME

Y-ME contacts patient and conducts intervention [4 - 8 sessions over 4 weeks]

Y-ME sends standardized packet to patient

Nurse/CRA mails question aires (including Telephone Counse including Intervention Form) two weeks prior to the 3 & Smooth assessments

Upon return of 3 & 6 month questionnaires, Nurse/CRA completes:

- a. S9832 Clinical Update Form
- b. Quality of Life Cover Sheet

#### 1.0 OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To assess the effectiveness of a telephone intervention delivered by breast cancer survivors on well-being of patients experiencing a first recurrence of breast cancer.
- 1.2 To examine the impact of sociodemographic, clinical, and psychosocial predictors of well-being in patients experiencing a first recurrence of breast cancer.
- 1.3 To examine changes in well-being over time since recurrence.

#### 2.0 BACKGROUND

The Psychosocial Impact of Breast Cancer Recurrence.

Despite significant increases in five-year breast cancer survival rates, mortality curves for these patients have remained largely unchanged for many years. While many breast cancer patients especially women diagnosed with Stage I disease, can realistically expect to be cured of their disease, significant numbers of patients will experience a recurrence of their breast cancer at some point following diagnosis, treatment, or a disease-free period. Although this statistic is not generally emphasized, when all stages of breast cancer are considered, as man as 50% of patients will experience recurrence.

Recurrence marks a significant change in the breast cancer care continued since it brings home the limits of current knowledge in oncology. The cancer care team noist acknowledge that the treatment did not work: that all of the optimism, faith in medicine, and careful compliance with treatment were not enough to forestall disease progression. The patient and family may question whether all of the suffering that they have gone through was really worth it, and they may have a sense of failure: not only about treatment, but about themselves. They must deal with a new reality: that the patient is experiencing pair and other symptoms of her recurrence, that chances for cure have been reduced, and that once egain, treatment decisions need to be made.

What is a woman's experience when the worst happens—that is, when breast cancer returns? Surprisingly, very little attention has been given to this issue in the literature: only nine studies have been reported about recurrence of any cancer during the past 15 years. (1) We do know that the patients identify the threat of recurrence as one of the most feared possible outcomes of cancer. The fear of recurrence repeatedly emerges as an important psychosocial theme in breast cancer patients who are newly-diagnosed, attending follow-up visits, and among long-term survivors. (2-3)

The largest study based on data from patients actually experiencing a recurrence is Worden's cross-sectional study of 102 individuals with recurrences of various cancers. (6 - 7) Worden found that distress levels of the patients with recurrence were high and equivalent to levels in newly-diagnosed patients. Compared to newly-diagnosed patients, the individuals in this study were less willing to participate in interventions focused solely on psychosocial counseling and more concerned about their medical problems and existential concerns. Among the factors that predicted higher distress were more symptoms, lack of social support, less hope, and being younger. Cella, Mahon, and colleagues also assessed adjustment in 40 patients within one month of recurrence; the patients represented a variety of cancer sites, and 27 were experiencing a first recurrence. (8 - 9) Patients in this study experienced high levels of distress: they "almost universally agree that recurrence is more upsetting than initial diagnosis". (8) There was a suggestion that having anticipated the possibility of recurrence aided adjustment: patients who reported that they were "completely surprised" by the recurrence fared the worst.

Several studies have focused on breast cancer recurrence. Silberfarb et al., compared psychosocial status in groups of breast cancer patients during initial diagnosis (N=50), first

recurrence (N=52), and metastatic disease (N=44). The findings indicated that the stage of first recurrence clearly was the most emotionally stressful time in their samples. (10) Significantly, only one woman out of the 52 could identify a single coping strategy she had found helpful, in marked contrast to the other two groups. In addition, the findings of this study illustrate how recurrence is often marked by physical impairment as well: 81% of the women in the recurrence group reported pain, the highest percentage of any group. Jenkins et al. evaluated 22 women with newly-diagnosed breast cancer recurrence, and found that 45% experienced depression and anxiety at the level of psychiatric diagnosis; previous psychiatric illness was a significant predictor of recurrence distress. (11) A recent study by Lewis and Deal further described problems in 15 married couples in which the wife was diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer. (1) A number of problems in marital adjustment were reported, as well as depression experienced by 40% of the women. The recurrence had been diagnosed a median of 10 months previously, indicating the long-lasting psychosocial impact of breast cancer recurrence and the potential that intervention could provide a real benefit for these patients.

#### Interventions to Reduce Psychosocial Distress.

No intervention directed at the needs of patients experiencing a recurrence of breast cancer (or any other cancer) has been reported. However, several reviews, including a recent meta-analysis have concluded that psychosocial interventions have a positive impact on the well-being of patients across the spectrum of other disease sites and stages. (12 - 15) To date, research has not established whether one kind of intervention is more effective than another of appropriate for certain patients. A variety of intervention types (e.g., informational, psychological, behavioral, social support) and formats (e.g., group, individual, telephone) have demonstrated beneficial effects. Effects have been demonstrated for quality of life, symptom management, and psychological functioning. The optimal point to evaluate the impact of psychosocial interventions has not been firmly established. Most studies assess outcomes at one or more intervals during the first year post-intervention, although impacts may be long-tasting, even extending to ultimate survival. (12 - 14, 16)

This study will draw on an approach that has been found effective by a number of investigators: a brief, time-limited intervention combining information and support delivered by telephone. The telephone is frequently used in providing information regarding cancer treatment and counseling. (17) In particular, the telephone may make services available to individuals for whom traveling would pose difficulties because of geography, health, or access to transportation. Other cooperative groups including the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group and the Cancer and Leukemia Group B, are currently conducting research protocols utilizing telephone-delivered interventions. However, so other group has focused on patients with recurrence. In fact, patients with recurrence appear to have recourse to few specialized resources. Resource and support programs frequently offer assistance to newly diagnosed patients, hospice patients, and (increasingly) to survivors. Patients going through a recurrence seem to "fall between the cracks."

#### The Use of Lay Organizations to Provide Support to Breast Cancer Patients.

The intervention will be delivered by women who are particularly well-qualified to provide support and information: breast cancer survivors who have themselves experienced recurrence. A distinctive feature of this study is its delivery of the intervention through an established national breast cancer advocacy and support organization, Y-ME. Although Y-ME has provided telephone hotline services (using a toll-free 800 number) since 1987, the impact of the service has not been systematically assessed. This is also true for other lay programs for breast cancer patients, such as the American Cancer Society's Reach-to-Recovery program. (23) This study will utilize breast cancer survivors within the context of a structured protocol, as well as standardized and validated outcome measures. If the program proves effective, it can become part of Y-ME's program and be delivered on a standard basis. The use of a voluntary organization staffed with non-health professionals represents a cost-effective approach to providing support. Y-ME has participated in a Southwest Oncology Group Lay Advisors/Advocates Steering Committee for the past two

years. The lay advisors (who include representatives of national organizations and volunteers selected through a nationwide search) are special members of the Group, serve as members of Disease and other Committees (including the Committee on Women's Health and the Breast Cancer Committee), and attend semi-annual Group meetings. The lay advisors contributed to the development and design of this protocol.

This study will provide information about how to improve well-being during a portion of the breast cancer trajectory where little attention has been focused. The project utilizes a cost-effective approach to intervention with demonstrated usefulness in cancer patients. The intervention will be delivered by individuals who are especially well-qualified to provide support: women who themselves have experienced breast cancer recurrence. This project represents one of the first formal research collaborations between a clinical cooperative research group and a lay breast cancer organization. Southwest Oncology Group staff will be responsible for having patients complete the baseline assessment package in the clinic, for mailing follow-up questionnaires and for monitoring the return of questionnaires from patients. The project reflects the overriging motivation of both groups: to provide the best possible care and support to cancer patients

This study was designed to include minorities, but was not designed to measure differences of intervention effects.

#### 3.0 DRUG INFORMATION

There is no drug information for this study

#### 4.0 STAGING CRITERIA

There are no staging criteria for this study.

# 5.0 **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Each of the criteria in the following section must be met in order for a patient to be considered eligible for registration. Use the spaces provided to confirm a patient's eligibility. For each patient, this section must be photocopied, completed and submitted to the Statistical Center (see Section 14.4).

SWOG Patie	nt No.
Patient's Init	ials (L,F,M)
5.1	Patient must have received definitive surgical treatment for Stage I, II or IIIa breast cancer, with or without adjuvant chemotherapy, hormonal therapy and/or radiation therapy.
5.2	Patient must have been informed of her first recurrence of breast cancer within the past 56 days. "First recurrence" is defined as any distant metastatic site, or chest wall recurrence, or scar recurrence, or nodal recurrence. Ipsilateral breast tumor recurrence following lumpectomy, and isolated contralateral new primary breast cancers are excluded. NOTE: We suggest not approaching the patient within the first three weeks post-diagnosis. See Section 7.1 for further suggestions about approaching the patient.
	Date patient informed of her first recurrence
5.3	Patients must be female.
5.4	Patients must not have a current psychiatric diagnosis transvould interfere with their ability to participate in the intervention.
5.5	Patients must be able to read and understand English.
5.6	Patients must have completed the baseline packet of questionnaires (CARES-SF, CES-D, Psychosocial Questionnaire, and Support Services Form) within 7 days prior to registration in order to be eligible
	Date question raines completed
5.7	If Day Talls on a weekend or holiday, the limit may be extended to the next working day.
	In calculating days of tests and measurements, the day a test or measurement is done is considered Day 0. Therefore, if a test is done on a Monday, the Monday one week later would be considered Day 7. This allows for efficient patient scheduling without exceeding the guidelines.
5.8	All patients must be informed of the investigational nature of this study and must sign and give written informed consent in accordance with institutional and federal guidelines.
5.9	At the time of patient registration, the treating institution's name and ID number must be provided to the Statistical Center in order to ensure that the current (within 365 days) <u>date</u> of institutional review board approval for this study has been entered into the data base.

#### 6.0 STRATIFICATION/DESCRIPTIVE FACTORS/ RANDOMIZATION SCHEME

Participants will be randomly assigned to one of two arms: (a) intervention; or, (b) control. This randomization will be dynamically balanced with respect to the following stratification factors, using the method of Pocock and Simon: (24)

- a. Age (< 50 vs. ≥ 50)
- b. Time since initial diagnosis (< 2 years vs. ≥ 2 years)
- c. Recurrence site (soft tissue only vs. bone ± soft tissue vs. visceral ± soft tissue ± bone)

NOTE: Visceral takes precedence. The first two categories are only applicable if there is no visceral involvement.

## 2.0 TREATMENT PLAN

- 7.1 Approaching Patients for This Study
  - a. We recommend that you do not approach women about participating in this study during the first three weeks after they have been informed about the recurrence. The patient may not be ready to consider an intervention at this time. Leafter three weeks, the patient still says no, wait a few weeks longer and ask her again.
  - b. Explain that this study is comparing the kind of support women seek on their own when informed about a recurrence versus a special program that both organizes existing support and tailors help to the needs of the individual woman.
  - c. Since we do not know if this special program really does help women more than what they do on their control group. Women in the control group will continue to make use of existing sources of support. At the end of their study participation (in six months), these women will receive all materials developed for the special counseling group.
  - d. If randonized to the special counseling program, the patient will be called between four to eight times by a breast cancer survivor who volunteers at Y-ME. Some of these counselors have also had a recurrence. The counselor will discuss a list of issues and problems faced by other women diagnosed with a recurrence, including any area where the patient has concerns. Patients will select which topics they want to spend more time discussing. That is, patients decide to have shorter or longer sessions as long as no more than eight calls occur.

#### 7.2 Main Study Procedures

- a. Prior to randomization, all patients will complete baseline questionnaires: CARES-SF, CES-D, Psychosocial Questionnaire, the Support Services Form and the Additional Concerns Form (see Section 18.0).
- b. The nurse or CRA will complete the S9832 Prestudy Form and the Quality of Life Cover Sheet for the patient questionnaires.
- Each institution will provide all patients with a packet of basic information after the baseline questionnaires have been completed. This packet of basic information is compiled locally and should include a copy of the National Cancer Institute (NCI)

booklet, "When Cancer Recurs: Meeting the Challenge Again" (call 1-800-4-CANCER for copies) and/or the Y-ME booklet, "I Still Buy Green Bananas" (call Y-ME 1-800-221-2141). Caller must identify themselves as a Southwest Oncology Group participant when requesting Y-ME booklets for this study. A <u>list</u> of local and national agencies [e.g., Y-ME, other advocacy groups, American Cancer Society, NCI Cancer Information Service (CIS)], that provide cancer-related information and support, should also be prepared and included in the basic information packet distributed to all study participants. Addresses and/or phone numbers should also be provided. The baseline questionnaires should be completed <u>before</u> a study patient is given the pamphlet(s) and list of resources.

- d. The CRA or nurse will phone and fax the names and telephone numbers for patients randomized to the **intervention group only** to Y-ME, so that the Y-ME peer counselor can initiate the intervention. A Fax Worksheet (see Section 19.1) allows you to fax Y-ME the information that the Y-ME counselors need to reach the patient in an efficient manner. The patients will be informed that a Y-ME peer counselor will be calling in the next few days to begin the intervention.
- e. The CRA will inform all patients that the will be mailed questionnaires at two follow-up points after randomization three months and six months; a self-addressed, stamped envelope will be included for return to the treating institution. The follow-up questionnaires include the CARES-SF, the CES-D, the Support Services Form the Telephone Counseling Evaluation Form (for patients on the intervention and the Additional Concerns Form. Follow-up questionnaires included mailed two weeks prior to the scheduled assessment.
- f. The \$9832 chinical Update Form and the Quality of Life Cover Sheet for the patient-completed questionnaires should be completed by the nurse or CRA. If the questionnaires are not received within one week after the scheduled assessment, the nurse or CRA should call and remind the patient to submit the questionnaires to the institution. The nurse or CRA should still complete and submit the Cover Sheet for the questionnaires and the Clinical Update Form to the Statistical Center, even if the patient does not submit her questionnaires.
  - The CRA or nurse should call the patient at Month 3 and at Month 6. The CRA or nurse should ask if the patient has received the questionnaires. If the patient has the questionnaires, a time for a telephone interview should be arranged; ask the woman to complete the questionnaires prior to the date. At the time the telephone interview occurs, the CRA or nurse should go over each questionnaire, asking the patient if she has answered all questions. The CRA or nurse should ask each question on the Telephone Counseling Evaluation Form, encouraging the patient to note positive and negative views about the intervention. The patient should be directed to return the envelope with the questionnaires to the treating institution.

## 7.3 The Telephone Intervention

Patients in the intervention group will receive four to eight counseling/information sessions delivered by telephone at weekly intervals; at least one call and no more than two calls will occur per week. A standardized intervention protocol will be used, with the time of each session decided by the patient and counselor. Each session will focus on different problem areas from the group listed below. Each patient will be given a choice about the order in which the sessions are presented, allowing each woman to prioritize her own concerns.

The content of the intervention sessions is as follows:

Get acquainted; provide overview of sessions; set priorities and order for the topics to be discussed.

Physical problems: symptom control, treatment issues.

Social support: understanding reactions of other people, how to build a social support network.

Existential concerns: spiritual concerns, activities that may be helpful (e.g., recording one's own oral history), the importance of hope.

Stress management: approaches that may be helpful injuding relaxation, visualization, exercise (with physician supervision), healthy satisfy.

Closure and debriefing.

Each session will provide basic information and an opportunity for the patients to discuss individual concerns. The general format for the intervention sessions will be to provide information in specified areas, active listening when the women discuss their concerns, assistance in problem-solving (particularly to help the women define and prioritize their own solutions to problems), and information about resources that may be helpful (books and other written or audiovisual materials, local resources). Patients will be provided with information about local or national resources, addressing areas of concern as appropriate.

intervention is not designed to provide psychotherapy. Instead, the Y-ME peer counselors will provide information, peer support, and referrals to community organizations. Procedures currently in place at Y-ME will be used if serious psychological disturbance is detected during a telephone session. In such cases, patients will be asked if the Y-ME peer counselor may contact the Southwest Oncology Group physician who enrolled her on the study.

After the first session, the patients will be sent a standardized packet of written or audiovisual materials to reinforce what was discussed during the session and provide additional information. The Study Coordinator will send the women in the Control arm the standardized Y-ME packet of written materials after the six month assessment has been received.

7.4 Women may withdraw from this study at any time should they wish to do so. Please document the reason for withdrawal on the Quality of Life Cover Sheet submitted with each of the three sets of questionnaires.

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7.5 Patients will go off study after six months (see Section 14.7). No further follow-up will be required.

# 8.0 DOSAGE MODIFICATIONS AND TOXICITIES TO BE MONITORED

There are no dose modifications or toxical associated with this study.

#### 9.0 STUDY CALENDAR "Enhancing Well-Being During Breast Cancer Recurence"

REQUIRED STUDIES	PRE	Wk	Wk	Wk	Wk	Mo	Мо
	STUDY	1	2	3	4	3	6
ASSESSMENTS $\Omega$							· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
CARES-SF	X					Х	X
CES-D	X					X	X
Support Services Form	X					X	X
Psychosocial Questionnaire Form	X						
Telephone Counseling Evaluation Form						Х	Х
S9832 Prestudy Form	X						······
S9832 Clinical Update Form						Х	X
Quality of Life Cover Sheet	X					X	X
Additional Concerns Form	X					X	X
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Basic Information Packet	Χπ						~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
Standardized Y-ME Packet ¥	X¥						Χ¥
Telephone Counseling Sessions		Xf	Xf	Xf	Xf		-

 $<sup>\</sup>Omega$  Forms are found in Section18.0. (See Section 14.0 for data submission guidelines and Section 15.0 for QOL Assessment instructions.)
Intervention arm patients only. Four to eight sessions can occur during the four week period.

See Section 7.2c.

The standardized Y-ME packet will be sent by Y-ME to women on the intervention arm after the first session. This packet will be sent by the Study Coordinator to women on the Control arm after the six month assessment has been received.

#### 10.0 MEASUREMENTS OF EFFICACY AND ENDPOINT DEFINITIONS

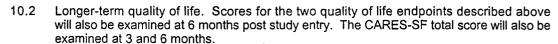
- 10.1 The primary outcome is well-being (CARES-SF psychosocial functioning and depression) three months post-enrollment on the study.
  - a. CARES-SF Psychosocial score of ≥ .615

The Cancer Rehabilitation Evaluation System - Short Form (CARES-SF) yields both a total score and five subscales: physical aspects, psychosocial concerns, medical interaction, marital problems, and sexual issues. It is a newly developed, brief form of the CARES. (25 - 26) Data supporting the measurement properties of this questionnaire are primarily documented for the long form (i.e., the CARES). However, the CARES-SF correlates well with the CARES. (25) In a number of studies, the full CARES has been shown to be valid and reliable. (27 - 32) It differs from other quality of life instruments by providing more concrete information about patient experiences. Normative information is available including a recent study in breast cancer survivors one, two, and three years post-diagnosis, which demonstrates that the CARES is responsive to change (32)

The CARES-SF contains a minimum of 38 and a maximum of 57 items. The exact number varies because of skip patterns related to patient-specific experiences. Respondents rate how great a problem they find in specified areas on five-point scales. (25) A CARES Psychosocial score of .615 or greater has been found to correctly classify breast cancer patients "at risk" for psychosocial distress, as identified in a comprehensive clinical interview by a social worker. The estimated probability of classifying women in the high risk group was .81 in a recursive partitioning model. (30) Given the correlation between the CARES and the CARES-SF, we will use a CARES-SF cutoff score of .615.

b. <u>Depression</u>. Depression (Depression (DES-D) scale. (1, 33 - 38)

The CES-D has been extensively used in both community and patient populations including cancer patients. (1, 33 - 38) It includes 20 symptom-related terms. Respondents rate the frequency of having experienced these symptoms during the past week on four point scales. In many studies, the scale has been shown to distinguish reliably among in-patient populations and to be sensitive to changes over time. The interpretation of scores is also facilitated by a score scutoff of 16 (which reflects that 6 of 20 symptoms are at least moderately persistent). Persons scoring above this cutoff are likely to be classified as clinically depressed when they receive a full clinical evaluation. In this study, the CES-D will be used to designate patients who score above (at risk of depression) or at or below the cutoff score (not at risk of depression).



10.3 <u>Evaluation of Intervention</u>. The intervention will be evaluated through scores on the Telephone Counseling Evaluation Form at 3 months.

The Telephone Counseling Evaluation Form will provide information about the patient's overall appraisal of the intervention, primarily to provide concrete information about what the participants found helpful, and what areas could be improved to aid in future interventions. At study entry, 3 months and 6 months, all patients will also complete the Support Services Form regarding their use of community services and other forms of assistance (e.g., support groups, church groups, counseling) during the previous six months, and whether they have used Y-ME resources. Since Y-ME has a national

hotline, it is possible that patients in either group could call Y-ME for (additional) assistance. Patients in the intervention group will not be able to access their peer counselor delivering the intervention except during the scheduled sessions.

- 10.4 <u>Psychosocial Predictors</u>. A Psychosocial Questionnaire will be used to examine possible predictors of well-being. These include:
  - a. Social support will be measured by the total score on Reynolds et al.'s four-item scale found to predict breast cancer survival. (39)
  - b. Optimism-pessimism

Optimism-pessimism will be measured by using the total score on the Life Orientation Test (LOT). This 8-item scale has been demonstrated to have high levels of internal consistency and test-retest validity in breast cancer patients. (40) In a recent study, Carver et al. found that scores on this scale predicted breast cancer survival. (41)

c. Surprisingness of the recurrence

How surprising the recurrence was will be measured by the score on a single question. Cella et al. found this question correlated with recurrence distress. (8)

d. Sense of Coherence

The meaning of their recurrence to the patients will be measured by the total score on Antonovsky's Sense of Coherence Scale (SOC); this is one of the few available scales to focus on existential concerns (42) We will use the short form of this scale (13 items), which has demonstrated high internal consistency and construct validity. (43

10.5 <u>Current Cancer Treatment.</u> A form will be used to ascertain current cancer treatments at study entry (S9832 Prestudy Form), and at 3 and 6 months (S9832 Clinical Update Form). This information may help to identify subgroups of interest (e.g., women who receive high dose cherotherapy with stem cell support).

#### 11.0 STATISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 Sample size: 300 patients will be randomly assigned to either the intervention or control group in order to yield 255 study participants at the 3-month evaluation point. This estimate is based on previous Southwest Oncology Group studies which include repeated quality of life questionnaires with a completion rate in excess of 85%. (45)
- Power Calculations: Primary Analyses. Power calculations indicate that a sample size of 255 at three months is sufficient to test intervention versus control group differences outlined below for the two primary endpoints: 3-month CARES-SF Psychosocial Summary cut-off score and 3-month CES-D cut-off score. All estimates use one-tailed tests. An alpha level of .025 (.05 divided by 2) will be used to adjust for the two planned comparisons.

<u>CARES-SF</u> <u>Psychosocial Summary Cut-off Score</u>. Patients with a 3 month CARES-SF psychosocial summary score greater than or equal to .615 will be considered at risk for

psychosocial distress, whereas patients with a psychosocial score less than .615 will be considered not at risk. Fifty percent of patients on the control arm are expected to have subscale scores above .615, whereas a smaller proportion of intervention arm patients should score above .615 on this subscale. Table 1 shows the power the study has to detect group differences based on varying percentages of patients at isk

CES-D score. Patients with a 3 month CES-D score greater than 16 will be considered at risk for depression, whereas patients with a CES-D score less than or equal to 16 will be considered not at risk. A recent study by Lewis and Leal ound that 40% of 15 women with a breast cancer recurrence had CES-D scores above 15. (1) The patients in this study were a median of 10 months post recurrence, we expect that at least 40% of the control group to score "at risk," with the proportion at risk more likely to be 50 or 60%. We expect patients in the intervention arm to be significantly more likely to have scores below the cutoff. Table 1 provides power to detect group differences.

Table 1:

Power to Detect Group Differences Based on Varying percentages of Patients

Percentage of Patients:* Intervention Group	Percentage of Patients:* Control Group	Power
.20	.40	.90
.29	.50	.90
.39	.60	.90
.44	.65	.90

<sup>\*</sup>Percentages represent patients who score above the cutoff (.615 for the CARES-SF Psychosocial Summary score, 16 for the CES-D)

11.3 Secondary Analyses. The CARES-SF Mean Score (total score) will be used to explore whether patients receiving the telephone intervention show mean improvement in overall quality of life than patients not receiving the intervention. Descriptive statistics for patients' sociodemographic and clinical information and psychosocial predictors will also be reported along with the 3 and 6 month descriptive results for the primary endpoints. The three well-being scales will be used as dependent variables in regression analyses to explore the effect of sociodemographic, clinical, and baseline psychosocial predictors on the efficacy of the intervention. Logistic regression will be used to examine the predictors for scoring above or below the cutoffs on the CARES-SF psychosocial summary score and the CES-D scores. Least-squares regression will be used to examine the predictors for the CARES-SF total score. Independent predictors considered will include sociodemographics (age, education, marital status, ethnicity), clinical variables (stage of disease, time since diagnosis, site of recurrence, treatments received, history of psychiatric dysfunction) and psychosocial predictors (social support, optimism-pessimism, how surprising the recurrence was, sense of coherence). Both univariate analyses and stepwise regression will be used to investigate the relationships among the predictors and the endpoints in order to identify a more parsimonious group of predictors. In addition, statistical methods for the exploration of longitudinal data will be applied to model within-patient changes in scores over time. (46 - 49)

11.4 Study Duration. Accrual for this study is 30 months, with an expected accrual rate of 10 patients per month.

#### 12.0 DISCIPLINE REVIEW

There is no discipline review in conjunction with this study.

#### 13.0 REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- Patients must be registered prior to initiation of treatment (no more than one working day prior to submitting the fax to Y-ME see Section 7.0).
- For either method of registration, the individual registering the patient must have completed the appropriate Southwest Oncology Group Registration Form. The completed form must be referred to during the registration but should not be submitted as part of the patient data.

The individual registering the patient must also be prepared to provide the treating institution's name and ID number in order to ensure that the current (within 365 days) date of institutional review board approval for this study has been entered into the daya base. Patients will not be registered if the IRB approval date has not been provided or is > 365 days prior to the date of registration.

#### 13.3 Registration procedures

a. Patients from member, CCOP or approved affiliate institutions may be registered via the Web Reg program (http://www.swoot.org/members/wrstart.html) at any time except maintenance down times (the legon page shows down times). Institutions with internet access are encouraged to register this way. For first time users, a "Starter Kit" can be accessed at:

https://www.swogstat.org/webapps/secured/starterkit.htm

The person registering the patient must be in the Southwest Oncology Group Roste. Call the Operations Office (210/677-8808) if an addition to the roster is recessary. A valid password allowing Web registration is also necessary. Each institution has a Web Registration Administrator (listed on the "Starter Kit" site) who may add Web Reg users at their institution and assign passwords to new users. Any Web Reg user can change their own password using the Administrator program (as explained in the Starter Kit). For other password problems or problems with the Web Reg program, email webreghelp@crab.org.

b. If the Web Reg program is not used, the registration must be done by phone.

Member and Affiliate Institutions

Registration by phone of patients from member and affiliate institutions must be done through the Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center by telephoning 206/667-4623, 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

**CCOP Institutions** 

Registration by phone of patients from CCOP Institutions must be done through the Southwest Oncology Group CCOP Office by telephoning 206/652-CCOP (206/652-2267), 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

- 13.4 For either method of registration, exceptions to Southwest Oncology Group registration policies will not be permitted.
  - a. Patients must meet all eligibility requirements.
  - b. Institutions must be identified as approved for registration.
  - c. Patients may not be cancelled.
  - d. Late registrations (after initiation of treatment) will not be accepted.

#### 14.0 DATA SUBMISSION SCHEDULE

- 14.1 Data must be submitted according to protocol requirements for **ALL** patients registered, whether or not intervention sessions are completed, including patients deemed to be ineligible.
- 14.2 Master forms are included in Section 18.0 and (with the exception of the sample consent form) must be photocopied for data submission to the Statistical Center.

#### 14.3 Group Members and Affiliates

Group members must submit one copy of all data forms directly to the Statistical Center in Seattle. Affiliates must submit (number of copies to be determined by the Group member) copies of all forms to their Group member institution for forwarding to the Statistical Center.

#### **CCOP Institutions**

CCOP Institutions must submit one copy of all data forms to the SWOG CCOP Office in Seattle at the following address:

Cancer Research and Biostatistics (CRAB)
ATTN: SWOG CCOF Office
1100 Oirve Way, Suite 1150
Seable, Washington 98101-1892

OR CCOP members may submit data via facsimile to 206/652-4612. Faxed data must be accompanied by the Data Submission Facsimile Cover Sheet.

#### 14.4 WITHIN 14 DAYS OF REGISTRATION:

Submit a copy of the following:

- a. Completed copy of Section 5.0 including patient identifiers.
- b. Pre-registration CARES-SF (Form # 2836), CES-D (Form # 55532), Support Services Form (Form # 48909), Psychosocial Questionnaire (Form # 19092), S9832 Prestudy Form (Form # 45674), Quality of Life Cover Sheet (Form # 40404) and Additional Concerns Form (Form # 609).

#### 14.5 AFTER THE MONTH 3 ASSESSMENT:

For all patients: submit the Quality of Life Cover Sheet (Form # 40404), Additional Concerns Form (Form # 609), S9832 Clinical Update Form (Form # 49100), CARES-SF (Form # 2836), CES-D (Form # 55532), and Support Services Form (Form # 48909).

For patients on the intervention arm only: submit the Telephone Counseling Evaluation Form (Form # 57890).

#### 14.6 AFTER THE MONTH 6 ASSESSMENT:

For all patients: submit the Quality of Life Cover Sheet (Form # 40404), the Additional Concerns Form (Form # 609), S9832 Clinical Update Form (Form # 49100), CARES-SF (Form # 2836), CES-D (Form # 55532), and Support Services Form (Form # 48909).

For patients on the intervention arm only: submit the Telephone Counseling Evaluation Form (Form # 57890).

#### 14.7 IF ANY ASSESSMENT IS MISSED FOR ANY REASON

Submit the Quality of Life Cover Sheet (Form #40,04) for each missed assessment providing reason for missing assessment.

#### 15.0 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOUTHWEST ONCOLOGY GROUP NURSES OR CRAS

[Note: Southwest Oncology Group purses and CRAs have responsibility for collecting outcome data for this study. The psychosocial intervention will be delivered by Y-ME, a national breast cancer advocacy and support organization.]

#### 15.1 Assessment Schedule

For both arms, the QOL questionnaires must be completed as follows:

- within seven days prior to randomization (Pre-registration Assessment),
- b. month 3,
- c. month 6.

The Psychosocial Questionnaire is administered only at study entry. Follow-up questionnaires must be completed at home and returned by mail. Only patients in the intervention arm must complete a Telephone Counseling Evaluation Form at 3 and 6 months.

#### 15.2 General Instructions

- a. Remind patients to answer the questions with their first impression and not to spend a lot of time thinking about each question. Remind patients that there are no right or wrong answers for questions addressing patient quality of life. We are interested in their idea or sense about how they are doing.
- b. Stress the importance of the quality of life questionnaires for learning more about the problems women face when they have a recurrence. This information can help us design better support programs for future patients.

#### 15.3 Maintaining the QOL Follow-up Assessment Schedule

- a. When a patient is randomized to <u>\$9832</u>, a confirmation of registration with all follow-up QOL assessment dates will be sent to the investigator under whose name the patient was registered. The nurse or CRA should put a copy of these scheduled dates in the patient's folder as a reminder of when to have the patient complete QOL questionnaires.
- b. Pre-registration assessments are obtained in the clinic. Make certain that the patient understands how to complete all forms before she leaves the clinic since follow-up questionnaires will be completed a home and mailed to the Southwest Oncology Group institution.
- c. Two weeks prior to the 3 and 6 month assessments, mail the questionnaire packets to the patient, and call to remind her of the scheduled assessment. Only patients in the intervention arm should receive the Telephone Counseling Evaluation Form
- d. If a patient remains or cannot complete the QOL questionnaires for some reason, then this must be documented on the Quality of Life Cover Sheet and mailed to the Statistical Center as soon as this information is known.
- e: (a patient refuses or cannot complete the QOL questionnaire at one time point,

Questionnaires should be completed even if an intervention arm patient does not complete the intervention, if the patient is willing.

#### Standardizing the Administration of Questionnaires

- a. Please read all instructions to the patient that are part of the QOL Questionnaires. Make certain that the patient understands the different sections of the questionnaire, as the format for providing answers varies. For example, in the CARES-SF, ensure that the patient understands the concept of skip patterns (if the answer to a question is no, skip to item ---). Explain the specific administration times for this protocol. It should take approximately 20 minutes for the patient to complete the questionnaire.
- b. Patients should be directed to report all symptoms and limitations whether or not related to the cancer or its treatment.
- c. When questionnaires are completed in your presence, it is permissible to assist the patient with completing the questionnaire, being careful not to influence the patient's response. Note on the Cover Sheet what assistance was required and indicate the reason (e.g., forgot glasses, too sick, etc.). Discourage family members from 1) being present while the patient completes the questionnaire and/or 2) influencing patient responses. The Southwest Oncology Group QOL Assessment Training Video available to all Southwest Oncology Group institutions provides guidance in this area.

#### 15.5 Additional Quality Control Issues

- a. It is very important to review the questionnaire after the patient has completed the form to be sure all of the questions have been answered, and that only one answer has been marked. For mailed follow-up questionnaires, it is important to review the mailed questionnaires as soon as they arrive.
- b. If the patient has marked more than one answer per question, ask the patient which answer best reflects how she is feeling. For mailed questionnaires, a

phone call can be made to the patient to clarify the multiple response. Once the patient has selected one response, mark this clearly on the questionnaire and put your initials and the date.

- c. If the patient has skipped a question, inform the patient that the question was not answered, and ask if she would like to answer it. Always give the patient the option to refuse. Make a note in the margin by the particular item that the parent did not want to answer this question. This issue can also be partied by prone if the questionnaire was mailed.
- d. For each scheduled QOL assessment, complete a cover sheet, attach it to the QOL questionnaires, sign it, and mail it on the day the data are obtained from the patient (or the day you receive the data by mail). See Section 14.0 for data submission guidelines. The person signing the Cover Sheet (or the person who registered the patient) may be called it there are questions regarding QOL questionnaires or cover sheets. For mailed questionnaires, attach a cover sheet to the questionnaires and sheet the "Other" category under where the questionnaires were administered. If questionnaires were not completed, return the Cover Sheet indicating the reason for the missing questionnaires.
- e. The QO! Mason of one encology nurse or CRA from any institution registering patients on \$2832 must attend one QOL assessment training session held at each of the biannual Southwest Oncology Group meetings. Most data management institutions have received a copy of the QOL Assessment Training Video. If your institution does not have a copy, please contact the data management institution to which you submit data to and borrow their copy, or contact the Operations Office to request a copy. The training video helps standardize instructions for obtaining the QOL data and handles staff turnover training needs between Southwest Oncology Group meetings.
- 5.6 When the patient's questionnaires are received, the CRA or nurse should note in the forms any questions that the patient did not want to answer.
- 15.7 Questions regarding QOL assessments can be directed to the Study Coordinator, Carolyn Gotay, Ph.D. (808/586-2975) or Carol M. Moinpour, Ph.D. at the Statistical Center (206/667-4623).

#### 15.8 Identification and Training of Women to Deliver the Intervention:

- a. Women will be recruited to be peer counselors through Y-ME's current screening, interview, and assessment procedures. Additional criteria for peer counselors are one or more breast cancer recurrences and a score less than 16 on the CES-D.
- b. The peer counselors will attend a training course in how to deliver the intervention.
- c. The training program for the individuals delivering the intervention will be based on Y-ME's current training model, which covers counseling skills, Y-ME Hotline volunteer regulations, and related medical information (glossary of medical terms, supplemental readings such as the PDQ for breast cancer) and a take-home exam.
- d. The Y-ME quality assurance program includes a test scenario (where the peer counselor conducts a sample interview in the presence of the supervisor) and an evaluation of actual performance (through a simulated breast cancer patient

telephone call made by a supervisor). These procedures will be maintained, with the quality assurance testing occurring annually.

- e. The trainees will be provided with National Cancer Institute materials regarding recurrence and clinical trials.
- f. The trainees will be required to pass an exam before they can provide the intervention.
- g. The peer counselors will be required to complete 6 hours of continuing education per year.

#### 16.0 ETHICAL AND REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

The following must be observed to comply with food and Drug Administration regulations for the conduct and monitoring of clinical investigations. They also represent sound research practice:

#### Informed Consent

The principles of informed consent are described by Federal Regulatory Guidelines (Federal Register Vol. 46, No. 17, January 27, 1981, part 50) and the Office for Protection from Research Risks Reports: Protection of Juman Subjects (Code of Federal Regulations 45 CFR 46). They must be followed to comply with FDA regulations for the conduct and monitoring of clinical investigations.

### institutional Review

Fais study must be approved by an appropriate institutional review committee as defined by Federal Regulatory Guidelines (Ref. Federal Register Vol. 46, No. 17, January 27, 1981, part 56) and the Office for Protection from Research Risks Reports: Protection of Human Subjects (Code of Federal Regulations 45 CFR 46).

#### Adverse Experiences

There are no commercial or investigational agents used in conjunction with this study.

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#### 18.0 MASTER FORMS SET

- 18.1 This section contains the Model Informed Consent Form. The consent form must be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board prior to registration of patients on this study.
- 18.2 Southwest Oncology Group Registration Form (Form # 32379)
- 18.3 CARES-SF (Form # 2836)
- 18.4 CES-D (Form # 55532)
- 18.5 Support Services Form (Form # 48909)
- 18.6 Psychosocial Questionnaire (Form # 19092
- 18.7 Quality of Life Cover Sheet (Form # 40404)
- 18.8 S9832 Prestudy Form (Form #45674)
- 18.9 S9832 Cinical Update Form (Form # 49100)
- 18.10 Telephone Counseling Evaluation Form (Form # 57890)
- 18: N Additional Concerns Form (Form # 609)

This model informed consent form has been reviewed by the DCT/NCI and is the official consent document for this study. Local IRB changes to this document are allowed. (Institutions should attempt to use sections of this document which are in bold type in their entirety.) Editorial changes to these sections may be made as long as they do not change information or intent. If the institutional IRB insists on making deletions or more substantive modifications to the risks or alternatives sections, they may be justified in writing by the investigator and approved by the IRB. Under these circumstances, the revised language, justification and a copy of the IRB minutes must be forwarded to the Southwest Oncology Group Operations Office for approval before a patient may be registered to this study.

### **CONSENT FORM AND INFORMATION ABOUT**

\$9832 "Enhancing Well-Being During Breast Cancer Recurrence"

	TO BE CONDUCTED AT
<b>I.</b>	You are invited to take part in this research study because you have breas cancer that has come back after previous treatment. The purpose of this study is to learn how to help breast cancer patients to deal with the stresses of recurrence. This study is comparing whether a special program that offers assistance by phone from a breast cancer survivor is more helpful than what women do on their own.
	We cannot and do not guarantee fou will be nefit if you take part in this study. It you take part in this study, the program may help you better cope with the stress of this time.
II.	First, you will be asked to complete several questionnaires. The questions ask about how you are feeling and problems you may have experienced related to your cancer. They will take about 4 minutes to complete.
	You will be randomly assigned to "standard care" or the telephone counseling program. Random assignment is similar to flipping a coin. You will have a equal chance of being in either group. B "standard care", we mean the support you seek on your own thorugh your hospital, home health care products, family, and friends. If you are in the telephone counseling group, you will have the opportunity to talk with a "peer counselor". A peer counselor is a woman who, like you, has have reast cancer and may also have had a recurrence of her breast cancer. Your peer counselor with call you on the telephone for four to eight sessions over a four-week period. The number of sessions will be decided by you and the counselor, but at least one session will occur each week Some of these sessions may be taped to help train the peer counselors. The Study Coordinator and supervisors at Y-ME are the only people who will listen to the tapes. All tapes will be destroyed after they have been reviewed. Your counselor will discuss concerns that women with breast cancer recurrence often have. You will have a chance to ask questions and talk with her These sessions could cover any of the following: physical problems, social support, spiritual concerns and/or stress management. She will be calling from the Y-ME national offices. Y-ME is a national organization that gives support to breast cancer patients. The length of the sessions will be your decision, depending on which topics you wish to discuss in more detail. That is, you can have four longer calls or six shorter calls or some combination. Your peer counselor has received special training so that she can offer up-to-date information. She will mail you a packet of material after the first session. (12/1/98)
	Initial of Witness: Date : Date:

We'll ask you to fill out a survey two and five months after the last session of the program. The survey asks how you are doing. This information will help us to learn whether the program is helpful and would be useful for future patients. For women who took part in the program, we will also ask what you thought of it. A Clinical Research Associate at your hospital will contact you to give you the survey. Filling it out should take half an hour or less. After the last questionnaire, the women who received standard care will receive the same packets of materials that the women in the program received earlier.

This study and these materials will be provided at no cost to you.

- III. You may be asked to answer questions about private matters, which could cause you to feel a loss of privacy. It is possible that the program, or answering questions about how you are doing could make you feel unconfortable, and you are encouraged to talk about this with the peer counselor and Clinical Research Associate. You may also skip any questions you prefer not to answer and you are free to stop your participation at any time.
- IV. There may be other solutions for your stress, such as participating in other counseling programs or support groups. It is not known if the support you receive will offer any increased banefit than that currently available outside of participation in this research. If you feel you need additional support, please contact the physician or Girical Research Associate who referred you to this study for a list of local resources. The costs of participating in other counseling programs or support groups will be your responsibility.
- V. Wa will keep any information we learn from this study confidential and disclose it only with your permission. By signing this form, however, you allow us to make your records available to the National Cancer Institute, the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and the Southwest Oncology Group. If we publish the information we learn from this study in a medical journal, you will not be identified by name. You may request a copy of the study results after the study is finished.
- VI. In the event of injury or illness resulting from the research procedures, emergency medical treatment will (or will not) be provided without cost. Continuing medical care and/or hospitalization will not be provided free of charge but must be paid for in the same way your regular medical care is paid. The Quality of Life Questionnaire and routine follow-up by the nurse will be provided to you free of charge. We cannot pay you to take part in these studies. The parts of the research consisting of keeping research records will be paid by those organizing and conducting the research.

VII.	Whether or not you take part in this study will not affect your future relations with you (there will be no loss of benefit or change in attitude) or name). If significant new findings are developed during the course of this study which to your willingness to continue, this information will be provided to you. In ad understand that you may refuse to continue on this study at any time, without fear of padditional treatment that may be needed.				
	Initial of Witness: Initial of Subject :	Date:			

VIII.	The doctor(s) involved with your care can an case of a problem or emergency, you can ca	swer any questions you may have about this study. In the doctors listed below day or night.
	Office	Home
	Dr. Dr. Dr.	
	You can also call the Institutional Review questions, comments or concerns about the	study or your rights as a research subject.
IX.	We will give you a copy of this form to keep.	The state of the s
X.	You are deciding whether or not to take partial have decided to volunteer for this study af this form.	art in this study layou sign below, it means that you ser reading and understanding all the information on
Date		Signature of Subject *Subject's Name:
Time		Signature of Investigator *Investigator's Name:
Subjec	ct's Address (type/print)	Signature of Witness *Witness' Name:
*Type	or Print Full Name	



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# Southwest Oncology Group Registration Form

SWOG Protocol Number Registration Step T  S 9 8 3 2	x Assignment Activation Date: July 15, 1998  Last Amended Date:
Enhancing Well-Being During Breast Cancer Recurrence	Affix Patient Label Here OR  Patient Name  Patient Number
for a patient to be considered eligible for registration. The registration	d pathology report(s). For optimum accuracy, use black ink, print
Caller's SWOG Roster ID  SWOG Investigator Number  SWOG Institution Number	IRB Approval Date
Patient Name (last, first, middle):  Patient's Date of Birth:  / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /	Patient's Race / Ethnicity: /
Patient's Sex: Female Male  Patient's Social Security Number: -	Method of Payment:
Patient's Zip Code (USA):	ry of Residence (if not USA):
Height (cm): Weight (kg):  Age:   Solution   Since Initial Diagn	BSA (m2): Performance Status:  osis: <pre></pre>
Recurrence Site: Soft tissue only Bone ± so	



### Southwest Oncology Group Registration Form Code Sheet

#### Patient's race:

0 - Unknown

1 -Caucasian

2 - African American

3 - Native American

4 - Eskimo

5 -Aleut

6 - Chinese

7 - Filipino

8 - Hawaiian

9 - Korean

10 - Vietnamese

11 - Japanese

12 - Asian Indian

13 - Samoan

14 - Guamanian

15 - Hmong

16 - Fijian

17 - Laotian

18 - Thai

19 - Tongan

20 - Pakistani

21 - Cambodian

22 - Other API

23 - Other race

### Patient's Ethnicity (Spanish/Hispanic Origin):

0 - Unknown

1 - No (not Spanish)

2 - Yes, Mexican

3 - Yes, Puerto Rican

4 - Yes, Cuban

5 - Yes, Central American

6 - Yes, South American

7 - Yes, Other

8 - Yes, NOS

## **Method of Payment:**

1 - Private

2 - Medicare

3 - Medicare and Private

4 - Medicaid

5 - Medicaid and Medicare

7 - No insurance (self-pay)

8 - No insurance (no means)

9 - Other-specify

10 - Unknown

11 - Veterans Admin

12 - Military

## Other Group Registration Code:

9981 - NCIC

9982 - CALGB

9984 - GOG

9987 - MDACC

9995 - ECOG

9996 - NCCTG

9997 - RTOG

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CARES-SF (CAncer Rehabilitation Evaluation System Short Form F	or Research

SWOG Patient No. SWOG Stu	ıdy No.	S 9 8 3	2 .	Protocol S	Step: 1	
Patient's Name						
Institution/Member		Physician _				
ASSESSMENT: PreStudy Month 3 Month 6	3					
Date: / / / /						
INSTRUCTION	ONS:					
The following is a list of Problem Statements that describe situations and experiences of individuals who have or have had cancer. Read each statement and mark an In the box that best describes HOW MUCH EACH STATEMENT APPLIES TO YOU during the PAST MONTH, INCLUDING TODAY. Some sections will not apply to you. Please skip these sections and proceed to the next one as directed.						
EXAMPLI	E:					
How much does it apply to you?	Not at all	A Little	A Fair Amount	Much	Very Much	
I have difficulty walking						
2. I find that food tastes bad				$\boxtimes$		
Questionnaire begins here	Not	Λ.	A Fair			
How much does it apply to you?	Not at all	- A Little	A Fair Amount	Much	Very Much	
I have difficulty bending or lifting						
2. I do not have the energy I used to						
3. I have difficulty doing household chores						
4. I have difficulty bathing, brushing teeth, or grooming mysel	f 🔲					
I have difficulty planning activities because of the cancer or its treatments						
6. I cannot gain weight						
7. I find food unappealing						
I find that cancer or its treatments interfere with my ability to work						
9. I frequently have pain						
10. I find that my clothes do not fit						
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### **SOUTHWEST ONCOLOGY GROUP CARES-SF**

SWOG Patient No. SWOG Study No. S 9 8 3 2 Protocol Step 1  Patient's Name					
ASSESSMENT: PreStudy Month 3 Month 6	3				
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How much does it apply to you?	Not at all	A Little	A Fair Amount	Much	Very Much
11. I find that doctors don't explain what they are doing to me					
12. I have difficulty asking doctors questions					
13. I have difficulty understanding what the doctors tell me about the cancer or its treatments					
14. I'd like to have more control over what the doctors do to me					
15. I am uncomfortable with the changes in my body					
16. I frequently feel anxious					
17. I have difficulty sleeping					
18. I have difficulty concentrating					
19. I have difficulty asking friends or relatives to do things for m	ne 🔲				
20. I have difficulty telling my friends or relatives about this cancer					
<ol> <li>I find that my friends or relatives tell me I'm looking well when I'm not</li> </ol>					
22. I find that my friends or relatives don't visit often enough					
23. I find that my friends or relatives have difficulty talking with me about my illness					
24. I become nervous when I am waiting to see the doctor					
25. I become nervous when I get my blood drawn					
26. I worry about whether the cancer is progressing					
27. I worry about not being able to care for myself					
28. I do not feel sexually attractive					
29. I am not interested in having sex					
30. I sometimes don't follow my doctor's instructions					
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**CARES-SF** 

SWOG Patient No. SWOG Stu	2	Protocol S	Step 1		
ASSESSMENT: PreStudy Month 3 Month 6	3				
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How much does it apply to you?	Not at all	A Little	A Fair Amount	Much	Very Much
31. I have financial problems					
32. I have insurance problems					
33. I have difficulty with transportation to and from my medical appointments and/or other places					
34. I am gaining too much weight					
35. I have frequent episodes of diarrhea					
36. I have times when I do not have control of my bladder					
Do you have children? Yes No If No, skip to next section.					
37. I have difficulty helping my children cope with my illness					
Are you working or have you been employed during the last If No, skip to next section.	month?	Yes	No		
38. I have difficulty talking to the people who work with me about the cancer					
39. I have difficulty asking for time off from work for medical treatments					
40. I am worried about being fired					
Did you look for work during the past month? Yes  If No, skip to next section.	No				. ]
41. I have difficulty finding a new job since I have had cancer					
Have you attempted sexual intercourse since your cancer did If No, skip to next section.	agnosis?	Yes	No		
42. I find that the frequency of sexual intercourse has decrease	d 🔲				
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### SOUTHWEST ONCOLOGY GROUP **CARES-SF**

SWOG Patient No. SWOG Study No. S 9 8 3 2 Protocol Step 1						
Patient's Name						
ASSESSMENT: PreStudy Month 3 Mor	nth 6					
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How much does it apply to you?	Not at all	A Little	A Fair Amount	Much	Very Much	
Are you married or in a significant relationship? Ye If No, skip to next section.	es N	lo				
43. My partner and I have difficulty talking about our feeling	s					
44. My partner and I have difficulty talking about wills and financial arrangements						
45. I do not feel like embracing, kissing, or caressing my pa	artner					
46. My partner and I are not getting along as well as usual						
47. My partner spends too much time taking care of me						
48. I have difficulty asking my partner to take care of me						
Are you single and not in a significant relationship?  If No, skip to next section.	Yes [	No				
49. I have difficulty initiating contact with potential dates						
50. I have difficulty telling a date about the cancer or its trea	atment					
Have you had chemotherapy treatments in the last month If No, skip to next section.	1? Yes		10			
51. I become nervous when I get chemotherapy						
52. I become nauseated during and/or before chemotherap	у 🔲					
53. I feel nauseated after I receive chemotherapy						
54. I vomit after chemotherapy						
55. I have other side effects after chemotherapy						

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SWOG Patient No. SWOG St	udy No.	983	2	Protocol	Step 1
Patient's Name					
ASSESSMENT: PreStudy Month 3 Month	6				
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How much does it apply to you?	Not at all	A Little	A Fair Amount	Much	Very Much
Have you had radiation therapy treatments in the last month If No, skip to next section.	1? Y	es [	No		
56. I get nervous when I get radiation treatments					
57. I feel nauseous or vomit after my radiation treatments					
Do you have an ostomy? Yes No If No, skip to next section.					
58. I have problems with ostomy care and maintenance					
Do you have a prosthesis? Yes No If No, skip to next section.					
59. I have difficulty with my prosthetic device (artificial limb, breast prosthesis, etc.)					

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# SOUTHWEST ONCOLOGY GROUP YOUR FEELINGS (CES-D)

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SWOG Patient No. SWOG Study No. S 9 8 3 2 Protocol Step 1  Patient's Name									
Institution/Member Physician									
ASSESSMENT: PreStudy 3 Month 6	Month			-					
DATE:/									
Instructions: Mark an X in the appropriate box for each statement which best describes how often you felt or behaved this way - DURING THE PAST WEEK.									
Rarely or Some or a Occasionally Most of None of Little of or a Moderate All of the time the Time Amount of the Time (Less than Time									
DURING THE PAST WEEK:	1 day)	(1-2 Days)	(3-4 Days)	(5-7 Days					
1. I was bothered by things that usually don't bother me		- 🗆							
2. I did not feel like eating; my appetite was poor									
I felt that I could not shake off the blues even with help from my family or friends									
4. I felt that I was just as good as other people									
5. I had trouble keeping my mind on what I was doing									
6. I felt depressed									
7. I felt that everything I was doing was an effort									
8. I felt hopeful about the future									
9. I thought my life had been a failure									
10. I felt fearful									
11. My sleep was restless									
12. I was happy									
13. I talked less than usual									
14. I felt lonely									
15. People were unfriendly									
16. I enjoyed life									
17. I had crying spells									
18. I felt sad									
19. I felt that people disliked me									
20. I could not get "going"									

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# SOUTHWEST ONCOLOGY GROUP SUPPORT SERVICES

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SWOG Patient No. SWOG Study No. S 9 8 3 2 Protocol Step 1  Patient's Name							
Institution/Member			Physician_				
ASSESSMENT: PreStudy 3 Month 6 Month  DATE: / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /							
Instructions: Please check whether or not you used any of the following resources during the last month.  If used, please rate the helpfulness of that resource on a scale from 1 (Very Helpful) to 5 (Not Helpful At All).							
.'			If Used, I	HOW HE	LPFUL	•	
RESOURCE	Used	Not Used	1 (Very Helpful)	2	3	4	5 (Not Helpful)
Office visit: mental health counselor							
Office visit: physician							
Office visit, other, specify:							
Telephone counseling (other than this study)							
Family							
Friends							
Religious group							
Women's group							
Other group contact, specify:							
Breast cancer advocacy organization							
Cancer Information Service (1-800-4-CANCER)							
American Cancer Society							
Other advocacy/cancer-related organization, specify:							· 🔲
Print materials for cancer patients							
Internet							
Other resource, specify:							
Other resource, specify:							

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# SOUTHWEST ONCOLOGY GROUP PSYCHOSOCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

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SWOG Patient No. SV	VOG Study	/ No. S		Protoc	col Step 1	
Patient's Name						
Institution/Member	<del></del>	_ Physician_	·			
Date://(mm,dd,yyyy)						
Instructions: Please indicate the extent to which you agree format. Mark X only one box for each item.	· with each c Strongly	of the following i	tems, using th	ne following res	sponse Strongly	
	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	
In uncertain times, I usually expect the best						
2. It's easy for me to relax						
3. If something can go wrong for me, it will						
4. I always look on the bright side of things						
5. I'm always optomistic about my future						
6. I enjoy my friends a lot						
7. It's important for me to keep busy						
8. I hardly ever expect things to go my way						
9. Things never work out the way I want them to						
10. I don't get upset too easily						
11. I'm a believer in the idea that "every cloud has a silver lining"						
12. I rarely count on good things happening to me						
13. How surprised were you by the recurrence?  Completely surprised Knew it would happen Not at all surprised						
14. Do you have a family member or friend you can talk to about your illness?						
Family Member  No Yes  Friend  No Yes						
15. Do you currently have anyone else to whom you	can talk at	out vour illne	ss?			
	Yes, relation	•				
16. Do you currently have a family member or friend to whom you can talk about other personal problems?						
Family Member 🔲 No 🔲 Yes		•				
Friend No Yes If	Yes, relation	onship?				
17. Do you currently have anyone else to whom you can talk about other personal problems?						
☐ No ☐ Yes If Yes, relationship?						
18. Do you have the feeling that you really don't care about what goes on around you?						
1 2 very seldom or never	3	<b>]</b> 4 □ 5	6	7 very often		

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# SOUTHWEST ONCOLOGY GROUP PSYCHOSOCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

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SWOG Patient No.			SWOG St	tudy No. S			Protocol Step 1
Patient's Name							
19. Has it happened in the	e past that your 1 1 /er happene	□ 2	irprised by	the behavio	or of people	□ 6	ht you knew well?  7 ays happened
20. Has it happened that p	eople whon 1 /er happene	<u> </u>	ted on disa	appointed y	ou? 5	☐ 6 alwa	7 ays happened
	had:  1 clear goals ourpose at all		_3	<b>4</b>	<u>5</u>		☐ 7 y clear goals nd purpose
22. Do you have the feelin	g that you're  1 very often	e being trea	ated unfairl	y? 4	<b>□</b> 5	☐ 6 very s	7 seldom or never
23. Do you have the feelin	g that you a  1 very often	re in an un	familiar situ	uation and d	don't know	□ 6	? 7 seldom or never
	o every day  1 f deep pleas atisfaction	□ 2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	□5		7 ource of pain d boredom
25. Do you have very mixe	ed-up feeling 1 ery often	gs and idea	as?	<b>4</b>	<b>□</b> 5	☐ 6 very	7 seldom or never
26. Does it happen that yo	u have feeli 1 ery often	ngs inside	you would	rather not f	feel?	☐ 6 very	7 seldom or never
27. Many people, even tho How often have you fe				times feel l	ike sad sad	ks (losers)	in certain situations
	1 never	_2	3	<b>4</b>	□5	6	7 very often
28. When something happ you overes underestimated	1 stimated or	2	ally found th	hat: 4	<u>5</u>		7 saw things in ght proportion
29. How often do you have	the feeling 1 ery often	that there's	s little meai	ning in the	things you	6	daily life? 7 seldom or never
30. How often do you have	e feelings that 1 ery often	at you're no	ot sure you	can keep u	under contro	□ 6	7 seldom or never

# SOUTHWEST ONCOLOGY GROUP QUALITY OF LIFE COVER SHEET

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SWOG Patient No. SWOG Study No	. S 9 8 3	3 2	Protocol Step 1			
ASSESSMENT: PreStudy Month 3 Month 6						
Patient's Name						
Institution/Member	Physician					
Was CARES-SF Questionnaire completed?	□No	Yes				
Was CES-D completed?	☐ No	Yes				
Was Psychosocial Predictors Scale completed (Prestudy only)?	☐ No	Yes				
Was the Support Services Form completed?	☐ No	☐ Yes				
Was the Telephone Counseling Evaluation Form completed? (Month 3 and 6 only)	No	Yes				
If Completed, In general did the patient require assistance?  Describe:	No	Yes				
If Completed, Questionnaires administered:						
in the clinic						
by telephone						
by mail						
If Not completed, Please give reason (check one):						
Illness/deteriorating health (e.g., at clinic but too ill/weak to complete, at home, hospital, hospice, but too ill/weak to complete, in coma or near death)						
Institution error (e.g., forgot to administer, did not continue schedule when patient went off treatment)						
Not illness related (e.g., unable to contact, patient refusal, patient failure to return questionnaire)  Death						
Other						
I have reviewed the Cover Sheet and Questionnaire(s). All forms ar for any missing data.	e complete o	or an explana	ation is given			
BY: PHONE: ([	<u> </u>					
Notes:						
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SWOG Patient No. SWOG Study No. S 9 8 3 2 Protocol Step 1						
Patient's Name						
Institution/MemberPhysician Groups other than SWOG: Group Name/Study No./Pt. No Instructions: All dates are MONTH, DAY, YEAR. Explain any blank fields or blank dates in the Notes section at the bottom of the prestudy form. Place an X in appropriate boxes. Circle AMENDED items in red.						
PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS  Current Pain Medication index:  Nothing Non-Opioid Analgesics Non-Opioids plus Weak Opioids (e.g., Tylenol3, Percocet) Strong Opioids (e.g., morphine, Dilaudid, methadone)	TUMOR AND NODE STAGE  Tumor status  T-status: (check one)  TO T1 T2 T3  Node status  N-status: (check one)					
Psychotropic Medications: No Yes	□ N0 □ N1 □ N2 □ N3					
Menopausal Status  Pre (regular menses or <6 months since LMP and NOT on estrogen replacement and NO prior bilateral ovariectomy)  Post (prior bilateral ovariectomy OR >12 months since LMP with NO prior hysterectomy)  Other (pre/post will be defined by age at the Statistical Center)  DISEASE HISTORY  Date of:	RT No Yes Chemotherapy No Yes Hormonal Therapy No Yes Surgery None Less than total mastectomy Total, modified radical or radical mastectomy					
Histologic Diagnosis of Primary:	RT No Yes Chemotherapy No Yes Hormonal Therapy No Yes Surgery No Yes					
Notes:						

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SWOG Patient No. SWOG	Study No. S 9 8 3 2 Protocol Step 1					
Patient Name (L,F,M)						
Institution / Member Physician						
Groups other than SWOG: Group Name/Study No./Pt. I	No//					
Instructions: All dates are MONTH, DAY, YEAR. Explain any blank fields or blank dates in the Notes section at the bottom of the form. Place an X in appropriate boxes. Circle AMENDED items in red.						
ASSESSMENT: Month 3 Month 6 Date: / / / / / / / / Month 3						
PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS	CURRENT TREATMENT STATUS					
Current Performance Status:    Fully active     Symptoms but ambulatory and able to do light work     No work but self care and active     > 50% of waking hours     Limited self-care, confined to bed or chair	RT No Yes Chemotherapy No Yes Hormonal Therapy No Yes Surgery No Yes					
> 50% of waking hours  Completely disabled  Current Pain Medication Index:	Progression of disease since last S9832 Clinical Update form was completed?					
<ul> <li>Nothing</li> <li>Non-Opioid Analgesics</li> <li>Non-Opioids plus Weak Opioids (e.g., Tylenol3, Percocet)</li> <li>Strong Opioids (e.g., morphine, Dilaudid, methadone)</li> </ul>	If Yes, Date: / / / / / / / / / / Site(s):    bone					
Psychotropic Medications: No Yes	☐ lung ☐ opposite breast ☐ other, specify: ☐ other visceral					
Notes:						

# SOUTHWEST ONCOLOGY GROUP TELEPHONE COUNSELING EVALUATION FORM

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SWOG Patient No. S	WOG Study No.	S 9 8	32	Pro	tocol Ste	p 1
Institution/Member	P	- nysician_ 				
ASSESSMENT: 3 Month 6 Month  DATE: / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /		,				
We are interested in knowing how satisfied you were with the telephone counseling program you have participated in these last few months - what you liked AND what you didn't like. Your comments will help us improve the counseling program.						
Please rate each of the following aspects of the Excellent, Good Satisfactory, Fair, and Poor (Page 1997)				x).		:
	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	Not applicable
a. The way problems were discussed						
b. The types of problems/issued discussed						
c. Medical information provided						
d. Other information provided						
e. Knowledge and skill of Counselor						
f. Counselor caring about you and your concerns						
g. Use of telephone for counseling sessions instead meeting with Counselor in person	d of					
h. Length of each session						
i. Number of sessions						
j. Quality of educational materials						
k. Relevance of questionnaires to your experience						
I. Telephone Sessions: Overall program						Í
(a) Get acquainted and planning discussion						
(b) Physical problems						
(c) Social support						
(d) Existential concerns						
(e) Handling stress		Ħ	n	Ī		
(f) Wrap-up						

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SWOG Patient No. SWOG Study No. S 9 8 3 2 Protocol S	Step 1
Patient's Name	
ASSESSMENT: 3 Month 6 Month	
2. In general, how much did the program help you with a problem or issue of importance to you?  Not at all helpful  A little helpful  Please explain why:	
3. What about the telephone counseling program did you find to be most helpful? Why?	
4. What about the program did you find to be not helpful at all? Why?	
5. What do you think could have been done to make this program better?  ———————————————————————————————————	
6. Please note any comments you have about the telephone counseling program.	

# SOUTHWEST ONCOLOGY GROUP ADDITIONAL CONCERNS

SWOG Patient No.	SWOG Study No. S 9 8 3 2	Protocol Step
Patient's Name		<del></del>
Institution/Member	Physician	
ASSESSMENT: PreStudy Month 3	Month 6	
Please describe any concerns you have t	that haven't been covered in these quest	ionnaires.
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		Andrew Colon
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### 19.0 APPENDIX

19.1 Fax Worksheet for **S9832** (dated 12/13/00)

# Fax Worksheet for S9832

DATE:		TIME:		
TO:	Judy Perotti Y-ME	PHONE: FAX:	(312) 294-8513 (312) 294-8597	
FROM:		PHONE:		
Institutio	n:	FAX:		
RE: In	tervention Group Ra	andomization	Information for S9832	
CC:				
Number o	f pages including cover			
			Intervention Group on <u>\$98</u>	332:
			G Patient Number://	
		300	5 Fatient Number/_/_	_''
Address:				
Home Pho			Phone (only if patient is to	be
		conta	cted at work):	
	hone call should be mad		ng day (provide day, date, Time:(am/	and time). pm)
Patient's I	Preferred Days/Times fo	r contact (please	e note specific am or pm t	imes):
WEEKDA	YS	TIM	ES (AM or PM)	
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesc	lay			•
Thursday	/			
Friday				
Saturday	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Sunday		1	İ	